

DOMINION GRANGE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,)
Toronto, Nov. 25, 1881. }

PATRONS.—The busy summer time is over, the harvests are gathered and safely housed; crops have been pretty generally good, and we have reason for much thankfulness. With the approach of winter we can see before us some leisure moments, some time for relaxation from the hard and patient labor of the past season. Blessed with the abundance of earth's products, the result of honest toil applied to the resources of nature, placed before us by a kind Providence, we are now in a position to turn our attention to the cultivation of our mental faculties, to the advancement of our social and educational condition, and which will also be a medium by which to add to our material interests. Many Granges, during the busy season, have not been meeting—now is the time when you should again meet regularly. There are also Granges that have ceased meeting altogether, the members becoming careless, and the good work, nobly begun, abandoned for lack of interest. In view of the necessity of co-operation of united action among farmers now so apparent, we urge the propriety of reorganization. You have probably all the requirements at hand and need only some one to say *come on*, and many Granges now dormant may be resuscitated. The past history of the order shows its capabilities if earnestly handled—the principles are right and need only the putting of machinery into effect to work out great results. With unity in purpose, and harmony of feeling, shutting out all jealousies and selfish motives, letting fraternity of feeling rule, a great future is in store yet for the Grange. We are at that stage in our history when we need earnest determination, and a oneness of purpose among our members to sustain and perpetuate our organization. In all institutions of a character like ours, having great subjects in view—the bettering of the condition of the people, and especially those immediately connected with the organization—the worst enemies are those inside the gates, men who have only selfish motives in view, and who measure the organization by what advantage they can individually get out of it. We cannot expect to be entirely free from such as these, but let them be closely watched, and if possible keep ourselves free from this class. We have a grand object, that of benefitting our class, socially and materially, and to do this let us work together as one with a mutual purpose directed towards this end. Let the Subordinate Granges be live branches, working in harmony with the head, and the members, each and all, feeling that upon them rests a duty, that of giving individual assistance, putting their shoulders to the wheel and working manfully for the accomplishment of our objects.

It will not do to let the Grange grow weak or fail, society demands its support. Our interests, as farmers, demands an organization conducted in our behalf. Each Subordinate Grange should realize the fact, and when inclined to go down let the members bear in mind that your failure is not only a loss to yourselves but exerts a depressing influence upon others. We exhort you therefore to hold fast to your Grange, sustain and keep up its meetings, as in time you will feel well rewarded for your efforts.

LECTURE BUREAU.

At last meeting of Dominion Grange a report was adopted recommending that a certain amount of funds be expended, during the coming year, towards sending lecturers through the country to speak in the interests of the Order, and the several institutions which have been the outgrowth of the Grange, were asked to assist in the work. A joint committee made up from representatives of the different Boards: Dominion Grange, Wholesale Supply Company, Canadian Mutual Aid Association, and Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company, met on the 17th of November and prepared a scheme which is set before you by circular accompanying this, and we trust advantage will be taken of the effort made to awaken new life and interest in this way.

PROVINCIAL GRANGES.

Ontario Provincial Grange will meet in Toronto, on Wednesday, February 8, 1882.

Nova Scotia Provincial Grange, will meet in Truro, N.S., Tuesday, Dec. 13, next.

Dominion Grange will meet in Toronto the second Tuesday in February 1882.

We have now two Provincial Granges established, one in Ontario and one in Nova Scotia; from these representatives will be sent to make up next meeting of Dominion Grange. Representatives to these Provincial Granges are sent from Electoral Districts as provided by constitution of Provincial Grange, article 1, section 1 to 4. Where delegates are not already elected steps should be immediately taken for election that all sections be represented at next meetings of Provincial Granges, that at these meetings there should be a full representation is desired in the interests of the Order.

ELECTION REPORT.

Following will be found blank election reports which secretaries will please fill out and sign immediately after the election takes place in their Grange, tear off the blank and send to secretary of Dominion Grange. It is important that this should be attended to promptly, as we want to print a revised list of officers for circulation among Granges, and for the use of parties dealing with us. It is through this medium business men reach the Granges by circular, and we also desire a complete revised list for use by Dominion and Provincial Granges, hence it is important to attend carefully to this. Yours Fraternally,

W. PEMBERTON PAGE,

Secretary Dominion Grange.

By order of Executive Committee.

ELECTION REPORT OF..... GRANGE NO.
TO THE SECRETARY OF DOMINION GRANGE:

DEAR BROTHER,—You are hereby notified that on the.....day of.....
188 , this Grange elected for the ensuing year, the following officers, to wit:

Bro.....Master,P.O.

Bro.....Sec.P.O.

Time of holding Regular Meetings.....

.....Late Secretary.

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Secretaries will please fill out this blank, WRITING NAMES PLAINLY, that no mistakes may be made and forward immediately after election to W. PEMBERTON PAGE, Sec. Dom. Grange, 63 King, St East, Toronto.